



CALTRANS COMMUTER ALERT

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CALTRANS ANNOUNCES TEMPORARY CLOSURES OF SOUTHBOUND INTERSTATE 5/STATE ROUTE 119 RAMPS DURING INTERSTATE 5 PROJECT

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) announces the temporary closure of the Southbound Interstate 5, ramps to and from State Route 119 in Kern County.

The following closures will begin next week (weather permitting):

The temporary closure of the Southbound Interstate 5 off ramp to State Route 119 will be closed for 48 hours beginning on Tuesday, June 21st, 2011 at 6:00 a.m. through Thursday, June 23rd, 2011 at 6:00 a.m. The northbound Interstate 5 ramps to and from State Route 119 will remain open.

The temporary closure of the Southbound Interstate 5 on ramp from State Route 119 will be closed for approximately 2 months beginning on Monday, June 20th, 2011. A detour will be available encouraging motorists to use State Route 43 to access southbound Interstate 5.

Caltrans in cooperation with Griffith Construction is currently conducting a complete pavement re-construction of southbound and northbound Interstate 5 in Kern County near Bakersfield from just south of the Buena Vista Canal Road overcrossing to two miles south of 7th Standard Road. Interstate 5 is currently reduced to one lane in each direction. This project is anticipated to last until December 2011.

During construction, lane closures will be necessary during daytime and nighttime hours, seven days a week. Commuters will experience delays and are encouraged to take alternate routes whenever possible.

Caltrans would like to thank the motoring public for their patience during this construction project. Motorists are reminded to drive with extra care while traveling through construction areas and please **Slow for the Cone Zone**.

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